

Winter 2005

The Olivetian Volume 73 Number 2

George Andrew Wolfe (Editor)
Olivet Nazarene University

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.olivet.edu/mark_olivn



Part of the [Christian Denominations and Sects Commons](#), [Higher Education Commons](#), [Mass Communication Commons](#), and the [Public Relations and Advertising Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Wolfe, George Andrew (Editor), "The Olivetian Volume 73 Number 2" (2005). *The Olivetian*. 4.
https://digitalcommons.olivet.edu/mark_olivn/4

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing Communications Office at Digital Commons @ Olivet. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Olivetian by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Olivet. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@olivet.edu.

THE OLIVETIAN

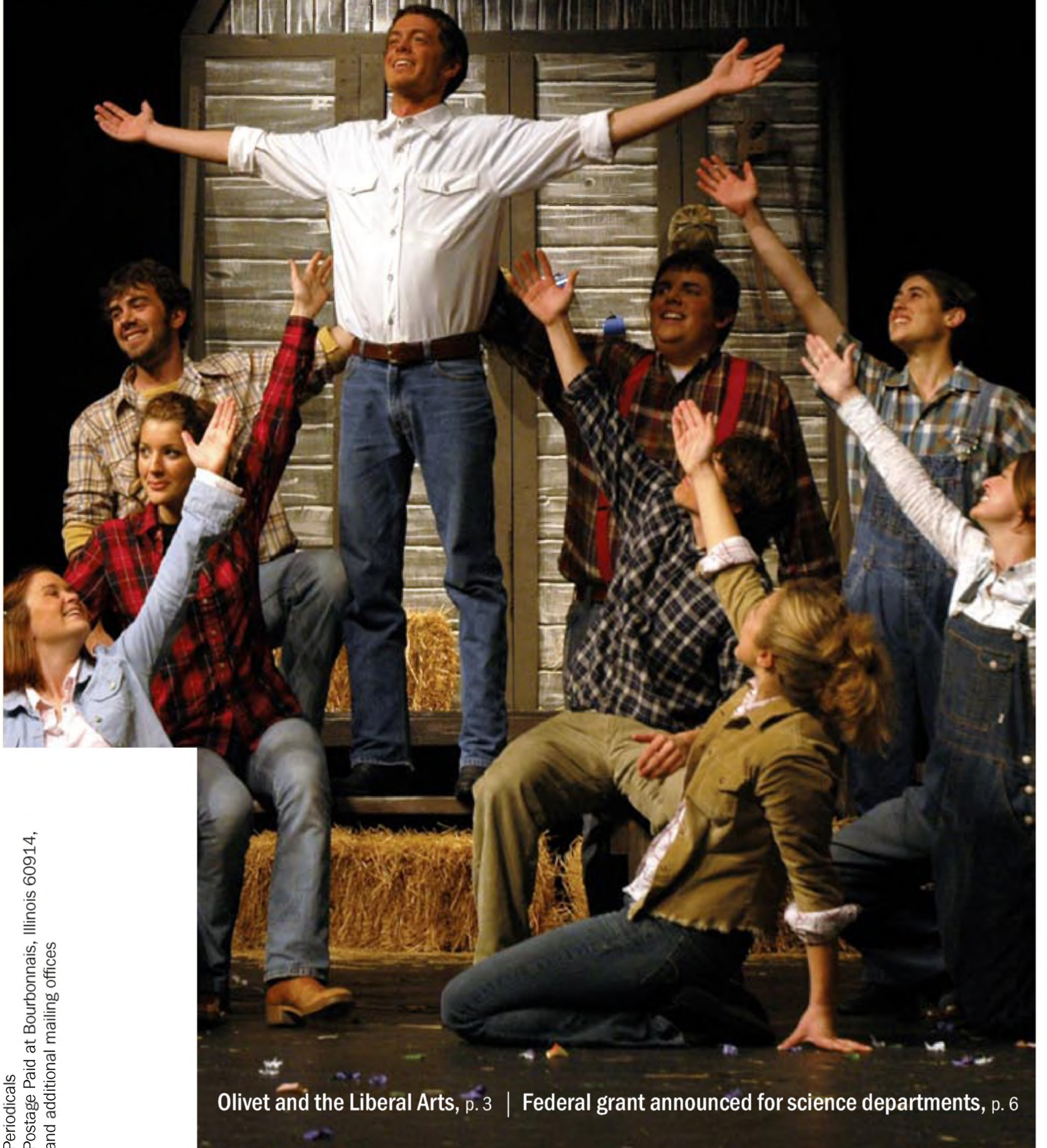
OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS

VOL. 73, NO. 2

WINTER 2005

WWW.OLIVET.EDU

Art in Motion



Olivet and the Liberal Arts, p. 3 | Federal grant announced for science departments, p. 6

Periodicals
Postage Paid at Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914,
and additional mailing offices

snapshot

By Kate Morgan

2005 HOMECOMING

► Homecoming weekend began Thursday evening, Oct. 27, with the coronation of the 2005 Homecoming queen, Molly Taylor '06, an elementary education major with a general science minor from Fenton, Mich. Taylor has served as president of Women's Residential Life, vice president of the sophomore class, freshman advisor, student ambassador and Bible study leader. She was actively involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and intramural sports, and worked on staff at the Fitness Center. Other members of the Homecoming court included: Joy Garcia '06, Stanhope, N.J.; Alina Mulieri '06, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Katie Pyle '06, Danville, Ind.; and Jeanne Smith '06, Sparta, Mich.

► Dr. John C. Bowling '71 opened the chapel service Friday morning by recognizing two former Olivet presidents: Dr. Leslie Parrott, who was instrumental in transitioning the school from a college to a university and beginning the process of developing the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies; and Dr. Selden Kelley, who passed away only five months after his inauguration. Kelley's grandson, Selden "Dee" Kelley '78, chaplain for Southern Nazarene University, gave the Homecoming chapel message, and the Olivet Jazz Band and Kay (Carpenter) Kelley '78 provided the music. The Olivet Marching Tigers thrilled the chapel audience by marching up the aisles of Chalfant Hall and playing a verse of "To God be the Glory", honoring the Kelley family legacy.

► Saturday night, the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, members of the Olivet Nazarene University Orchestra, ONU Marching Tigers, and guest soloists, under the direction of Ovid Young '62, performed *An Evening at the Pops: The Great American Songbook* for a capacity audience.



Ministerial "O" Award recipients: (Pictured, from left) Arlen '66 and Kathryn Joyce (Hester) Jakobitz '66 with Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A.



Coronation: Michael Remole '06 and Molly Taylor '06



Homecoming Chapel speaker: Selden "Dee" Kelley '78



Homecoming Concert: (Pictured, center) Ovid Young '62

◀ ▶ During the concert, three outstanding alumni received the "O" Award from Dr. John C. Bowling. The president presented the awards to layman Fred Hardy '69 and global missionaries Arlen '66 and Kathryn Joyce (Hester) Jakobitz '66 for their continued representation of the ideals of the University and achievements in their respective careers.

President's Prayer Breakfast: Homecoming weekend concluded Sunday morning with Dr. John C. Bowling presiding over the President's Prayer Breakfast. Linda (McKinney) Watson '66 shared her testimony, while Orpheus Choir, Brian Parker '93, Karen (Daugherty) Schroeder '93, George Andrew Wolff '93, and Kay (Carpenter) Kelley '78 provided special music.



Women's and Men's Basketball: Tiger fans were out in full force to watch both the women's and men's basketball teams pounce on their opponents. The women defeated Kalamazoo Valley 126-92 in their exhibition game. Kellie Mullin '07 lead the team with 17 points, including four 3-pointers. Next, the men's team opened their season with a convincing 98-58 win over Memorial University. Tigers Zach Johnson '06, 18 points, Stan Chismark '07, 15 points, Travis Meeks '07, 14 points and Phil Howell '07, 13 points, contributed to a well-balanced offense.

Football: Although the Tiger football team put in a good effort, Olivet fell to No. 13-ranked McKendree College 19-9. The team's lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Billy Lawrence '07 reached the end zone from the seven yard line. Earlier, Matt Soulia '08 kicked a 27-yard field goal to get the Tigers on the board.



Lay person "O" Award recipient: Fred Hardy '69

THE OLIVETIAN
(USPS 407-880)
(ISSN 0891-9712)

Editor

George Andrew Wolff '93

Assistant Editor

Heather (Quimby) Day '02

Contributing Writers

Caleb Benoit '06
Dr. Michael Benson
Gary Griffin '81
Seth Hurd '06
Kate Morgan
Marc Shaner '00/'02 M.A.T.
David Caudle '79

Designer

Donnie Johnson

Additional Design

Matthew Moore '96
Monique (Cartier) Perry '03

Class News Editor

Christine (Mazzella) Howell '05

Editorial Advisers

Gary Griffin '81
Brian Parker '93
Susan (Hendley) Wolff '94

Editorial Consultant

Rev. Gordon C. Wickersham '47

Photography

Image Group Photography,
or as credited



Olivet Nazarene University

President

Dr. John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Gary W. Streit

Vice President for Student Development

Rev. Walter "Woody" Webb '86/
'89 M.A.R.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dr. Brian Allen '82/'05 Litt.D.

Vice President for Finance

Dr. Douglas E. Perry '68/
'95 M.B.A., Litt.D.

The Olivetian is published quarterly
by the Office of Marketing Communications
under the direction of the Vice President
for Institutional Advancement.

Reproduction of material without written
permission is strictly prohibited.

Copyright © 2005
Olivet Nazarene University
One University Avenue
Bourbonnais, IL 60914-2345

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to

Editor
The Olivetian
Olivet Nazarene University
One University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914-2345

Olivet and the liberal arts

I haven't heard this joke for a long time; but it still circulates here and there on the fringes of higher education.



"An engineering graduate asks how that works," goes the joke. "A science graduate asks why that works." So what

does an arts graduate ask? The answer, of course, is: "Would you like fries with that?"

The joke implies that higher education ought to be about getting a good job. It implies that young people must abandon their passion for the liberal arts in order to "succeed"; that the pleasures and benefits of the humanities, social sciences and fine arts are just indulgences. That only "real" degrees are rewarded with real money.

Olivet, and every other quality university, understands that a college education is much more than vocational training. There is a sentence in our official mission statement that says it well: "Our mission is to provide high quality academic instruction for the purpose of personal development, career and professional readiness, and the preparation of individuals for lives of service to God and humanity."

When a student enrolls at Olivet, he or she does not have to choose between personal development through the arts and career and professional readiness. Both are provided, and at ONU there is the added value of a strong spiritual emphasis that inspires, instructs and challenges each student to be a person of faith whose life is lived not just for himself or herself, but in service to God and others.

There is an aphorism: If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

That cliché neatly summarizes the advantage of having a broad knowledge, from which to pull techniques, analogies, understandings and insight for the solution of new problems. During four years of university study, it is impossible to learn everything that one may need to know during the remainder of his/her life. But a broad liberal arts education gives a person the best preparation to face an uncertain and ever-changing future.

In our new, knowledge-based economy, often the most valuable employees are critical, adaptable and creative thinkers. Liberal arts graduates fit that profile beautifully. In a world in flux, they offer — and communicate — creative solutions to problems. They anticipate, they synthesize, they enable.

Reading novels, listening to music, developing an appreciation for the visual arts are all doorways to understanding our cultural heritage and ourselves. So taking classes in literature, music, art and cultural history should be embraced as an important part of one's education.

And there are also practical benefits to a broad liberal arts education. By the time students graduate they will have acquired a strong educational foundation and broad background that will allow them to function successfully in tomorrow's world, often in jobs that do not exist today.

Some studies suggest that workers can anticipate changing careers — not just jobs — several times during their working lives. A liberal arts education provides the foundation to define and pursue career goals as changes occur. Often, over a lifetime career, those with a solid liberal arts education rise to significant leadership positions.

So let's rewrite the joke, shall we?

"An engineering graduate asks how that works. A science graduate asks why that works. So what does an arts graduate ask? An arts graduate asks, 'Could you have answers to those questions on my desk by Monday morning?'"

John C. Bowling



featuring
Allison Durham Speer *in concert*

1-800-648-1463

for ticket information



ONU Men's Basketball

vs.

Brescia College (Ky)

3 p.m. est

Indiana Pacers

vs.

Chicago Bulls

8 p.m.

**ASK ABOUT THE EXCLUSIVE
ONU \$21 TICKET PACKAGE!!**

Save the Dates

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

PRIME TIME

MAY 8-12, 2006

DESTINATION:

BRANSON, MO



**Some gifts get returned.
Some gifts offer a greater return.**

Olivet Nazarene University

Your gift annuity can help Olivet students *immediately*, plus provide lifetime fixed payments for you!

Gift Annuities Provide:

- Generous Payout Rates (up to 11.3% based on age)
- Partial Tax-free Income
- Immediate Tax Deduction

Your gift can be cash, property or appreciated securities.



**OLIVET
NAZARENE
UNIVERSITY**

Education With a Christian Purpose

**Talk with your ONU Planned Giving Staff at (815) 939-5171
or e-mail us at development@olivet.edu.**

Going the 'extra mile'

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

As Kankakee area teens stepped into the Community Center's new game room, they were visually and audibly amazed by the transformation. After hours of clean-up, fund-raising, and volunteer coordination, Stacey Beery presented them with a refurbished space to which they can retreat for fun and relaxation.

For the past two semesters, Beery, a senior social work major at Olivet Nazarene University, has been completing a one hour a week practicum with Community Resource Center's after-school program. With funding from the state Teen REACH grant, the center provides approximately 60 Kankakee area youth, ages six to 16, a safe place where they can complete homework and hang out with friends between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m.

The longer she worked with the program, though, the more Beery became concerned about the state of the old armory building in which the center resides. Due to limited staffing and resources, she says, "there has not been a great deal of attention given to the maintenance of the facility and resources for the children." According to Beery, with the largely unused "craft room" crammed with boxes and old donated items, students were basically left with two options: homework or basketball.

So during the past few weeks, Beery set out to do what many told her was impossible: totally make over the craft room into a clean and functional game room. With the help of fellow students and her parents, she spent 100-plus hours cleaning, painting, and redecorating the room. Beery's friend and classmate, Justin Torrence '07 built a 15-foot carpetball game. Local businesses donated supplies, and Beery spent hundreds of dollars out of her own pocket for games and other materials.

Ron Jackson, the center's executive director, is astounded by the results. "It was a big, unusable mess," he exclaims; but now, he says, "it's appealing for the kids." Sharnekea Willis, 14, of Kankakee agrees. "It looks way better now — cleaner and fun."

Asked why she took on the massive project, Beery explains she just wanted to do something a little extra. "The kids there need and deserve more, and they need to see that someone cares enough to do something about it. I knew that even if I was unable to accomplish all my goals, the fact that I tried to go the extra mile would speak something positive to these kids."



PHOTO PROVIDED BY STACY BEERY '06



PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON JACKSON

(Top) Justin Torrence '07 and Stacy Beery '06 work to build a 15-ft. carpetball game. (Bottom) The new game room provides Kankakee youth a safe and fun place to hang out after school.

Spanish-speaking students in high demand

By Kate Morgan

As the need for Spanish interpreters increases in and around Bourbonnais, Olivet Nazarene University students are being asked to step in to help.

"We're proud to offer services to the community," says Bárbara Martinez, an Olivet Spanish professor and coordinator of the interpretation outreach. "In addition to serving others, these are great opportunities for the students. This is not just a speech lab, where we simply talk about situations; this is very real."

Olivet students currently work in three areas: the education, judicial and health care systems.

"In our school systems, the principals and teachers ask for student interpreters every day, all day long, for the entire school year," Martinez says. Olivetians tutor school children after school and on Saturdays, and they interpret in the classroom. They also encourage pupils to think about college and career choices. "They really provide a connection between the two cultures."

At the Kankakee County courtroom, students began by shadowing professional interpreters. With a recent shortage in translators, though, judges have asked students to interpret at the probation office.

The healthcare system has also seen a shortage of qualified bilingual professionals. Olivetians have spent time at Azzarelli medical center, interpreting for nurses and doctors. They have also volunteered at a crisis pregnancy center in Kankakee County.

Martinez wants to continue to provide competent student translators. "We are preparing professionals for a rapidly changing market and world," she says. "All of Olivet's Spanish instructors are focused on one goal: our students must be functionally fluent when they leave our classrooms. This is the only way they will be of service in today's world."

Snags in the River of Life

A testimony from

Dr. Michael Benson, Chaplain

In 1989, Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Tracy Kidder wrote what has been called his most emotionally powerful, memorable work, *Among Schoolchildren*. This book he dedicated to his wife, Reine Marie Melanie Kidder, who taught for 21 years in the high school English department. It has been one of my favorite books.

Among Schoolchildren is the story of Mrs. Zajac, a feisty, funny and tough 34-year-old school teacher, who has returned home to teach at her old elementary school. "Mrs. Zajac spends her working life 'among schoolchildren.' It may seem like a small world to some, a world filled with little people; a world of spelling bees and recess breaks, not to mention the endless papers to correct nearly every day. But," as one critic observed, "we soon realize that her classroom is big enough to house much of human nature. Her little room contains a distillate of some of the worst social problems of our time." As we are engaged in this story and get to know these children, we begin to see, perhaps as if for the first time, the difference that a good teacher can make on society.

My favorite part of the book is toward the end, toward the end of the school year, in fact, when Mrs. Zajac is being a bit reflective on her work through the year and wondering if she had made any difference in her students' lives. Kidder writes,

Teachers usually have no way of knowing that they have made a difference in a child's life, even when they have made a dramatic one. But for children who are used to thinking of themselves as stupid or not worth talking to ... a good teacher can provide an astonishing revelation. A good teacher can give a child at least a chance to feel "she thinks I'm worth something; maybe I am." Good teachers put snags in the river of children passing by, and over the years, they redirect hundreds of lives.

The University task is similar to the task of this elementary school teacher. We have a unique window in the lives of these young men and women on our campus, most between the ages of 18 and 23. The journey from "unexamined faith" to "doubts and questions" to "maturing faith" is fraught with many twists and turns. We want to "snag" as many as we can in order to help direct their lives so they will become mature, Christ-like men and women who are productive for God. Pray with us that we will be successful in our attempts to direct and re-direct the lives of our students.

Rev. Michael Benson writes "Chaplain's Notebook," published weekly online at www.olivet.edu, where you will also find downloadable audio of chapel services. Rev. Benson and his wife, Gwen, have three children: Katie '05, Emily '07, and Andrew '09.



Dr. Kent Olney, chairman of the department of behavioral sciences at Olivet Nazarene University, served as a sign-language translator for a Billy Graham conference in Chicago from Oct. 26–28. The conference for pastors and church leaders from across the country traditionally draws a significant number of deaf church leaders.

The October conference marked the third time Olney has signed for the Billy Graham School of Journalism. He has also signed at such high profile events as Promise Keepers conferences and White House press conferences. Additionally, Olney pastored the Salem Deaf Fellowship, an all-deaf congregation in Salem, Ore., for 10 years.

Signing has always been a large part of Olney's life: the Olivet professor grew up with two deaf siblings. While the skill came early and naturally to Olney, he never dreamed of the places his fluency in sign language would take him. "When I started signing, I never dreamed it would lead to all these areas of ministry. Signing has become much more needed and desired in society today as deaf people become more integrated into mainstream society."

Dr. David Van Heemst's '88/'96 M.P.C./'98 M.A. work, *Awakening Hope: Unmasking the Idols of Our Time*, has caught the attention of UN leaders. Archbishop Njongonkulu W. H. Ndugane, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, heard about the book at a United Nations conference from a friend of the author and asked for a manuscript. The Archbishop was so moved by the book he chose to send an endorsement that will be used on the back cover. "These authors are spot on. Their words should be widely read," says Ndugane.

The book, co-authored by Mark Vander Vennan and Bob Goudzwaard, is an updated version of the highselling *Idols of Our Time*, released in 1984. The focus of the new edition is to examine the subtle, yet strong, ideologies that drive today's world. Topics covered include materialism, nationalism, and militarism.

Awakening Hope is Van Heemst's third book. He has also published *Empowering the Poor: Why Justice Requires School Choice* (Rowman and Littlefield Education, 2004), and *Herman Dooyeweerd and Eric Voegelin: A Comparative Perspective* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2005).

Dr. Bonnie (Thomson) Beardsley '93, professor and director of undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at Olivet Nazarene University, has been appointed by Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey to serve on the United States Army Educational Advisory Committee.

A retired Army nurse, Beardsley was selected for the committee based on her extensive background in both nursing and education. She was interviewed directly by Secretary Harvey for the position, and in September, Beardsley received written confirmation of her appointment from U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff Steven J. Van Straten LTC.

As a member of the ROTC Program Subcommittee, Beardsley will provide the secretary of the army, the chief of staff, and the Army's senior leadership with expert and continuous advice on their educational programs. Specifically, as the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's representative, she will assist in designing curriculum to bridge the gap between serving as a nurse in the military and as a civilian.

For more on these and other ONU news stories, go to www.olivet.edu and click on "News & Events."



U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller presented University President John C. Bowling '71/'72 M.A., Associated Student body President Andrew Twibell '06, and students from the science departments with a check for \$300,000.

Federal grant will help put ONU science departments on the 'leading edge'

By Heather (Quimby) Day '02

U.S. Rep. Jerry Weller announced a \$300,000 federal grant for Olivet Nazarene University's science departments during an ONU press conference on Monday, Nov. 14. The grant, part of the Energy and Water Bill sent through Congress, is designated for the improvement of science lab equipment.

On hand for the announcement were members of the ONU faculty and staff, as well as dozens of current science majors. Andrew Twibell '06, associated student body president and pre-med student expressed thanks to Weller on behalf of the student body. "This federal grant," said Twibell, "will reap tremendous dividends for many years yet to come — not only for the students of Olivet, but also for the lives we will touch through our chosen careers."

Statistics show alumni of Olivet's science departments have made smooth transitions into their chosen career fields. Since 1999, 24 ONU graduates (out of 26 applicants) have been accepted into medical school. In a survey of engineering alumni from the past six years, 67 percent found their first jobs before graduation, and the additional 33 percent found employment within six months of graduation.

Even so, University President Dr. John C. Bowling says the funding was desperately needed. "In order to adequately prepare tomorrow's science industry leaders, it is imperative we are on the leading edge when it comes to laboratory equipment. This grant will allow us to replace outdated learning tools with items more appropriate for today's technologically advanced world."

Currently, Olivet offers 10 science majors, including biology, chemistry, clinical laboratory science, computer science, engineering, environmental science, geology, physical science, science education, and zoology.

Olivet professor teaches soldiers the art of peacekeeping

By Kate Morgan

Dr. Stan Tuttle, Olivet professor of education and a retired Army lieutenant colonel, spent six weeks in Africa to train Rwandan soldiers for an international peacekeeping mission to Darfur, Sudan.

What started as a power struggle between the predominantly Arab, Muslim community of northern Sudan and the predominately black, non-Muslim community of southern Sudan has escalated to genocide. Nearly three years later, more than 400,000 black Sudanese have been murdered, and thousands more forced from their homes to live in refugee camps in the desert.

The African Union, in charge of maintaining some sort of stability in Sudan, asked Rwandan government officials to send soldiers from the Rwandan Defense Forces. Rwandans were asked because of their recent experience with genocide, and the ongoing struggle to restore a country after such tragedy.

Even so, the RDF lacked resources and training; and thus President Bush agreed to send U.S. citizens to train soldiers on peacekeeping tasks. Tuttle works with one of the companies that conducts this type of training.

"These guys know how to fight. They are hardened, capable war fighters," says Tuttle of the RDF. "But that is not what they needed for this mission. What they needed was to learn how to be peacekeepers."

Three battalions of 500–600 soldiers each participated in simulations to learn how to react in critical situations, training how to operate security checkpoints, provide security for convoys carrying relief supplies, and offer protection during meetings among parties trying to reach solutions. As head of a team sent to train officers, Tuttle was also in charge of teaching the group how to coordinate communication among the various factions and humanitarian organizations.

"The men were all sincere in their desire to learn peacekeeping because they know the effects of genocide and warfare firsthand," Tuttle says.

The first battalion began their service in Sudan before Tuttle left. "We have heard the men were utilizing their training. And that the training itself was exactly what they needed for this long, difficult mission."

National editor promotes ministry by pursuing truth and excellence

By Seth "Tower" Hurd '06

Chapel for Wednesday, Oct. 26 was ushered in through worship led solely by a grand piano and the voice of senior Chad David Lee. The stripped-down music aided in putting the ONU community in the right mindset to hear the Word of the Lord. After a brief introduction, Jeff Sheler entered from the corner of the stage and approached the lectern, bringing with him an immediate sense of confidence and class.

The religion editor for *U.S. News and World Report* shared his story of attending Olivet for only one semester, and the lifelong impact the 17 weeks at ONU had on his life. During his freshman year at Olivet, Sheler felt a divine call to switch career paths from pastoral work to journalism. "You may think that switching from religion to journalism is a drastic switch," Sheler commented. "But both pursue the truth, both are required to communicate well, and both are concerned with social justice."

After that first semester, Sheler transferred to Michigan State University to earn a degree in journalism. He has since risen to the national level of reporting, and as an editor and contributing author, has placed religious themes on more than 35 covers.

The speaker continued to answer the question of why a Christian would enter a career that requires skepticism, a relentless attitude, and at times, a defiant approach toward authority. "A recent study found that over 80 percent of journalists don't claim any religion at all. Only eight percent attend religious services weekly." Therefore, Sheler believes, the first role he has as a Christian journalist is to bring Christ to the people around him; a trait that is universally true, regardless of profession.

Sheler said that many people of faith also believe Christian journalists can spread their beliefs by putting a "spin" on the articles they write. "I don't believe that as journalists of faith, we have the obligation to bias any story," Sheler countered. "There is a lot of talk these days about an alleged liberal bias in the news business. The way to fix bias isn't to shift bias the opposite direction, it's to do journalism the right way." Sheler continued, "The Christian in media can pursue his or her job with excellence. Our duty is to seek, to write, and to report the truth. And Christ said 'the truth shall set you free.'"

"Do we have the right, let alone a duty, to decide whether or not people have the ability to handle the truth?" Sheler questioned. The nationally-read editor closed with brief, yet strong, words. "I believe God spoke through Christ when he came to earth. He allowed the people to listen, he didn't force anything. God has a strong belief in the power of the truth."



Jeff Sheler

DAVID MOORE '06

ONUStudents in the News

'Selling their goods and possessions': Appalled by the situation in Sudan, students have banded together to provide spiritual and humanitarian support. Fight Club, a group of young men concerned about the injustices happening around the world today, meets twice a week for devotions and prayer. In one of their meetings, group members decided to enlist the help of other college students in order to put together a yard sale, with all proceeds going to Sudanese refugees.

Fliers were distributed all over campus with Acts 2:45 as the inspiration. "'Selling their goods and possessions, they gave to anyone as he had need.' Sudan has need. You have stuff."

The end result was inspiring: students raised more than \$500. The money raised will be used for basic necessities which will be sent to Sudan through Oxfam, an organization committed to overcoming the injustice of poverty around the world.



Kathy O'Dowd '07 was one of the many students who partnered with Fight Club to organize a yard sale for Sudanese refugees.

Olivetian joins world's largest African-American publishing company: LaToyia M. Strickland '06 had the "experience of a lifetime" when she worked as an advertising research summer intern at Johnson Publishing Co., the world's largest African-American-owned and operated publishing company for the past 60 years.

During the summer, Strickland worked closely with the research department by pulling data for account executives, computing statistics, creating advertising and sales presentations, writing fact sheets for magazine media kits, and handling day-to-day projects for the research director.

"This was definitely not a file, copy, and answer phones type of internship," Strickland says. "I gained a lot of practical skills and have learned how to do many things that people in senior-level positions do daily."

Recently Strickland received another reward for her persistence and hard work; Johnson Publishing Co. offered her a position with the company after she graduates in May. Strickland will serve as an advertising research analyst for the company.

ONU aces calculus competition: Three teams from Olivet Nazarene University finished in the top 10 in the Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA) Calculus Competition. The team of Joshua Ball '06 (New Berlin, Wis.) and Amanda Lee '07 (Washington, Ill.) placed third; Jackie Smith '05 (Bloomington, Ill.) and Nicole Wessman '07 (Grant Park, Ill.) tied for fifth place;

and Tim Freed '07 (Clarksville, Mich.), Heather Makarewicz '07 (Metamora, Ill.) and Joe Makarewicz '07 (Metamora, Ill.) tied for seventh. Dr. David Atkinson, chairman of the department of mathematics, coordinated the teams.

The ACCA Calculus Competition consists of a timed examination, with teams completing the test at their home universities and submitting it for evaluations. In all, 31 teams competed from schools including Benedictine University, Dominican University, Elmhurst College, University of St. Francis, and Wheaton College.



LaToyia M. Strickland '06

Small artwork reaps big praise: Olivet art students swept the top two honors at the "Itsy Bitsy Artsy Fartsy Art Competition," in Clifton, Ill. Junior Rachel Haag and senior Sherri Denault received first and second prizes, respectively, during the awards ceremony November 4 at the Sanctuary Gallery. The competition derives its name from the size of work submitted; participants present pieces no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches. Contest judges received more than 50 creations, most submitted by professional artists from Illinois and Indiana, for the event.

According to Bill Greiner, chairman of the department, Olivet's art students are among the very best in the industry. "Each year our students enter pieces in art shows, and we win an award most every time," he says. "Our students are competing at professional levels while still in school and are receiving awards. This speaks to the strength of the program here at Olivet."

Now available: Podcasts for your computer or iPod!

Free, downloadable broadcasts of weekly chapel services and other ONU events are now available online. Go to www.olivet.edu, click on "News & Events," then "Listen Now."

RECENT PODCASTS INCLUDE:

Steps to racial reconciliation

Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil, *Salter McNeil & Associates, LLC*

McNeil explains that we are transformed, not for ourselves, but so we can reconcile with others as a part of God's story.

Faith in the workplace

Os Hillman, *President of Marketplace Leaders*

Author and global speaker Os Hillman breaks down the "workplace evangelism" phenomenon.

Acting for God

Shores and Anderson, *drama duo*

Husband-and-wife team Jim Shores and Carol Anderson take a realistic look at God's will in our occupations.

Working for the Lord

Mickey Weston, *White Sox Chaplain*

On the heels of a White Sox world championship, Weston tells the ONU community that our true identity can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Silent holocaust

Jill Stanek, *Nurse*

Sharing from first-hand experience, Stanek describes the modern-day horror of "live birth abortions" and her fight to put them to an end.

Benson explores hard side of Gospel

Dr. Michael Benson, *University Chaplain*

Chaplain Michael Benson takes a revealing look at the call of evangelism on every believer's life, and the consequences of ignoring that call.

Learning from miracles

Dee Kelley, *Chaplain, Southern Nazarene University*

The grandson of former Olivet President Selden Kelley shares bits of wisdom from Acts 3, including the knowledge that life happens on the way to the destination.

Faith and Journalism: Finding Truth

Jeff Sheler, *U.S. News and World Report Religion Editor*

A Christian reporter walks the line of faith "between Sundays" while writing about multiple religions for one of the nation's top magazines.

Plus, Pastors' Appreciation Day addresses by Dr. Bill Ury, author and seminary preacher on national radio show, "The Hour of Holiness."

For more on these and other ONU news stories, go to www.olivet.edu and click on "News & Events."



Art in Motion

BY HEATHER (QUIMBY) DAY '02

With flutters in the stomach, and an impossibly dry throat, Hahnah Jackson '07 whispers a quick prayer before every single performance.

"I'm always a little bit nervous before I take the stage," she explains. "Sometimes my prayers begin with 'Lord, help me not to make a fool of myself tonight.'"

Far outweighing the jittery nerves is an excitement for the drama that is about to unfold. "I can hardly wait to get out there," says Jackson, "to share who I am and what I believe." And in the moments before the curtains open, she prays for audience as much as the cast.

For the musical or theatrical performer, there is no greater sense of belonging than that which is found in the middle of a curtain-drawn stage. Whether it's crooning into a microphone, tickling the black and white keys, dancing in front of a painted set, or conducting a 100-piece orchestra, the act of putting art in motion produces a natural high that simply cannot be duplicated.

The joy is not found in the audience, and the thrill would be the same whether or not a single dime was ever made. Rather, it's the ability to express beauty, truth, and emotion that is the impetus of the artist.

Ryan Schultz '06, a music education major, describes the important role music plays in his own life. "Trying to describe the necessity for music is almost like trying to describe the necessity for food or water. It may not be a base for our survival, but it is an integral part of our lives. Players are able to lose inhibition and express themselves on a new level, finding a way in which communication does not require words."

Jackson has discovered that same freedom as

a film studies major with a minor in theatre. She explains that through the world of entertainment, Christians like her have even greater potential to make an eternal impact. "You can say so much through film or theatre that you would never be able to otherwise."

Jackson and Schultz, and the hundreds of Olivet students involved in the performing arts, have a passion for the arts that wells up deep inside them. But is this passion an adequate foundation upon which to build an education, or even a career? Dr. Don Reddick '79, chairman of Olivet's department of music, and Jerry Cohagan, associate professor and director of ONU's theatrical productions, answer that question with a united, emphatic "yes."

"There's an apprehension for many students about the whole 'starving artist' phenomenon," says Reddick. "But the reality is we can't produce enough graduates to fill all of the jobs for which there is a demand."

Cohagan echoes these sentiments. "Not everyone who pursues a degree in the arts will become famous, and there aren't usually ads in the paper saying 'actors needed.' But I always tell students they can create their own opportunities, open their own doors. The arts will provide a strong background for countless areas of work."

When it comes to the kinds of jobs a performing arts graduate can acquire, the possibilities are virtually endless. Olivet alumni are composers, film directors, album producers, educators, actors, church worship leaders, band conductors, pianists, and work in a plethora of business careers for which the performing arts provided discipline, poise, and strong communication skills.

Then again, those students who succeed in the performing arts, and ultimately find happiness through them, are not those who chose their major solely because it would land them profitable careers or fame. Instead, the students who find the greatest fulfillment are those who are driven by their



heartfelt passions and who recognize their talents as gifts from the Author of beauty and truth.

These students see the stage as a place where their artistic passions can truly come to life, where they can explore their innermost beliefs, desires, passions. There between the curtains, an artist bares her soul; and in her vulnerability, she offers the audience a priceless gift. Beauty is celebrated, truth is explored, and the Creator is worshipped when art is put into motion.

For this reason, Jackson asserts, Christians should capitalize on every opportunity to use their creative gifts and talents. "We should not shrink from the limelight, but rather use it all for the glory of God."

Schultz wholeheartedly agrees. "What a wonderful way God has blessed His creations by allowing us the gift of music!" he exclaims. "I like to think we can make our music on an even greater scale since we are confident in the Author, Perfecter, and if you'll permit me, Composer of our faith."

Humbled by the gift he's received, Schultz sums up the performing arts: "What an immense responsibility, and yet what a wonderful privilege!"



C O L L E G E O F A R T S A N D S C I E N C E S



Performing Arts at Olivet

Olivet offers an ever-expanding academic program and numerous outlets through which students can express their artistic talents. Larsen Fine Arts Center, the primary home of music majors and the venue for all major theatrical performances, was renovated in 2002. It houses SMART classrooms, 46 pianos, soundproof practice rooms, the 508-seat Kresge auditorium, and a music computer lab with both PC and Mac platforms and the latest in composition technology.

Courses are taught by faculty members with years of experience — both in the classroom and on the stage. For example, before coming to Olivet, Cohagan reached nationwide notoriety as part of the comic duo known as Hicks and Cohagan. Reddick was commissioned by the Church of the Nazarene to coordinate the worship music for General Assembly 2005. Other faculty members within the department of music are called upon regularly to compose and perform music for both local and national events.

Academic areas of study: music, music performance, music education, composition/theory, church music, theatre minor, and theatre concentration (within communication studies major)

Performance Opportunities:

THEATRE:

- Green Room (Student-run organization for anyone interested in theatre)
- Broadway Revue (Sponsored by Green Room, an evening of Broadway show tunes)
- Fall Play
- Spring Musical
- Omega (Ministry groups using music and drama)
- Unspeakable Love (Ministry group using mime)
- Spoons for Forks (Campus improvisational group)
- 24-Hour Theatre (Original one acts are written, cast, and staged in 24 hours)
- Student-Directed Plays
- Murder Mystery Theatre

CHORAL ENSEMBLES:

- Chrysalis (women's choir)
- Concert Singers (mixed voices)
- Orpheus Choir (mixed voices)
- Testament (men's choir)
- Traveling ministry teams

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES:

- Chamber Ensembles
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band
- Marching Tigers
- Wind Ensemble
- University Orchestra

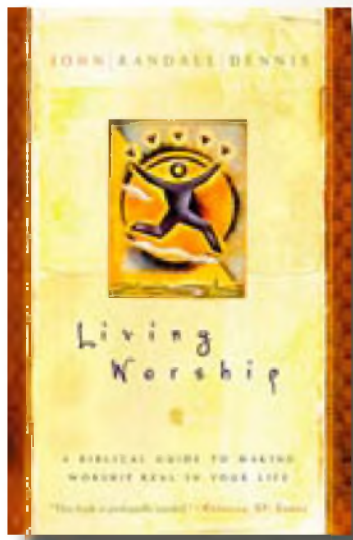


PHOTOS BY DAVID MOORE '06

Living Worship | Bethany House

by John Randall Dennis '80

Be transformed as you explore worship through portraits of Biblical worshipers. Bypassing debates on worship style, format, and music, Dennis invites you to adopt a lifestyle of worship.



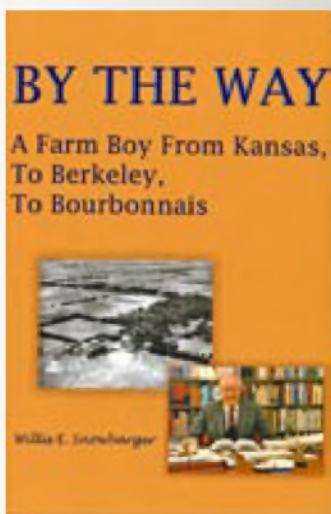
Nationally celebrated recording artist Rebecca St. James says, "The message of this book is profoundly needed. Through the mountains and the valleys, worship is to be our life. May we live it."

By the Way: A farm boy from Kansas to Bourbonnais | Author House

by Willis E. Snowbarger

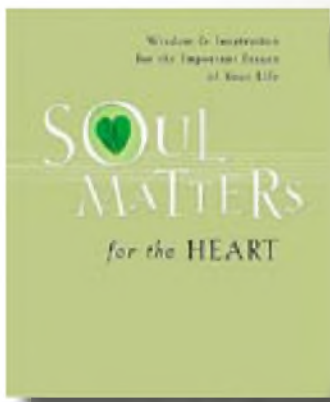
In this book, Dr. Snowbarger tells the story of his upbringing, preparation, and career in higher education. His interest in music, literature, theology, philosophy, psychology, languages, athletics, and finance made it hard to choose a major, but eventually he chose history. What a spread of interests, and what a blessing for this former Olivet academic dean!

Originally writing this book for family and friends, Dr. Snowbarger was encouraged his memoirs would have appeal for a wider audience. His determination to see things as God sees them results in a positive outlook. God is in the details. He is in the moments of your life.



Soul Matters for the Heart | J. Countryman

Brenda (McCorkle) Nixon '76 is included in a 16th book, *Soul Matters for the Heart*, released in New York City at Book Expo America. She has also



written for other compilations, including the Chicken Soup series and appeared on Focus on the Family's "Weekend Magazine" radio program. Brenda is the author of *Parenting Powers in the Early Years*, *Writers Who Speak*, a columnist

with *Children's Ministry Magazine* and the online publication inspiredparenting.net.

Gift of life recorded in new children's book

By Kate Morgan

When Rev. Phil Pinckard '73 and his wife, Jodie, lost their son, Mark, in a car accident May 20, 2002, just days after his high school graduation, it could have resulted in a story of despair, of a family struggling to make sense of the situation. This, though, is not one of those stories.

"When Jodie and I received [news of Mark's death from the doctor], we agreed without hesitation to donate Mark's vital organs ... anything that could be used to help someone else," Pinckard wrote in the July 20, 2002 edition of the *El Dorado News-Times*.

"About two hours after giving consent ... God confirmed to us through Mark's own voice, that we were honoring his final wishes," Pinckard continued. Mark's high school French class had recently discussed organ donation. Mark told his classmates, "If anything were to happen to me, I'd want them to take anything and everything they could use, because where I'm going, I won't need them."

Mark's liver went to a 46-year-old man in Florida; his left kidney to a 28-year-old woman in Arkansas, who had been on dialysis for 10 years. Mark's right kidney went to Caitlin Pendzinski, a 35-pound 4-year-old who had been on the transplant waiting list for more than a year-and-a-half.

"Mark's gifts to others have been a comfort to us in our journey of grief," Pinckard wrote in his *Spiritual Progress Report* in October 2002.

A short time after Mark's death and Caitlin's successful transplant, Ramona Wood, an El Dorado, Ark. author and illustrator, approached the Pinckards and the Pendzinskis about using their story as the basis for a children's book. According to Pinckard, what transpired was a "tactfully written, medically accurate and beautifully illustrated" story of life.

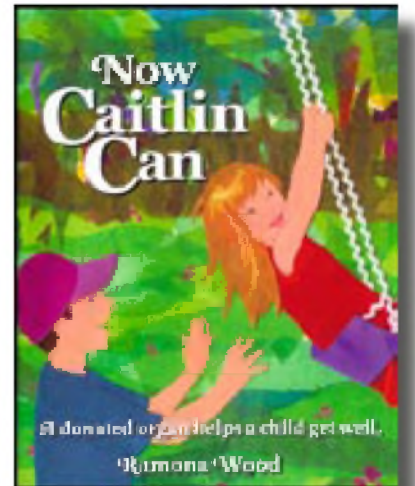
The new book, *Now Caitlin Can: A donated organ helps a child get well*, details Caitlin's struggle to live, as seen through her brother's eyes. As the entire family grapples with Caitlin's uncertain future, they wait desperately for the ultimate gift none of them can give her — a kidney.

"This is an especially pertinent book for families with children waiting for transplants," says Pinckard. "It also serves as a reminder of the power of organ donation — for both the receiving family and the giving family."

Wood believed the message of Mark and Caitlin's story was so important she self-published the first printing of the book. "Ramona has been incredibly generous," Pinckard says. "But now we hope to find a larger publisher for *Caitlin*, so the book can be more widely distributed."

Currently, *Now Caitlin Can* is available from the author at www.saac-arts.org/rwood, by e-mailing phil.pinckard@tridhospitals.com, or at www.amazon.com.

Through everything, the Pinckard family hopes others see their story as one of hope. "I have a firm assurance, more now than ever, of the Apostle's Creed: 'I believe in the resurrection of the body,'" Pinckard proclaimed in the *El Dorado News-Times*. "Resurrection of the body is a future hope for Mark; a present reality for Caitlin."



Through trials and turmoil, author leans on God

By Seth "Tower" Hurd '06

Few children's authors have lived through an assassination attempt. But Olivet alumna Jeannie St. John Taylor's life has been far from business as usual. Taylor received her degree in elementary education from ONU in 1970, a program for which she is grateful to this day. "Because of Olivet's credentials, I was hired for the first teaching job I applied for," says Taylor. "When I later moved to Oregon, I found a job easily, and was allowed to create my own program."

All of Taylor's life has not gone so easily, however. In 1978, a man who had been investigated by Taylor's husband, an investigator for the Department of the Treasury, hired two hit men to kill the entire Taylor family, including one-year-old Tyrone. The family narrowly escaped death, and spent nearly a year in hiding before the would-be killers were brought to justice. Adding to an already unbelievable period of their lives, Taylor was diagnosed with cancer, and the family business nearly fell apart because of a dishonest manager.

Looking back, Taylor views the hard experiences as times God used to strengthen her faith and provide her with material for her future books. "I remain completely awed by the experience," Taylor explains. "Those months left me with a deep sense of gratitude that remains to this day."

Today, Taylor releases books through five different publishers, which can be found in bookstores throughout the United States. Recently, she received national media attention in the wake of Hurricane Katrina for her book *Prayers for Troubled Times*.

"Several people have called in to the talk shows I've been on and said they haven't found a trouble that isn't covered in the book," Taylor explains. "I tell them that's because my book is patterned after the Psalms."

Taylor has authored and illustrated six children's books. She has also written one young adult book and a prayer journal. She is currently working on four new books due out in 2006, on themes ranging from children's topics to grief and prayer.

Today, Taylor takes life one breath at a time. Her near-death experiences and hardships have taught her there is no other way. And what does the future hold for a woman of so many talents and rich experiences? "I have no idea," Taylor confessed. "And I am not concerned about it; God will do whatever is best for me."

For more information on Taylor's works, go to www.jeanniestjohntaylor.com.

Class Notes

'40s

Helen (Rush) '46 and Elbert Speckien '46 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 27, 2005. Elbert served as a minister for 44 years on the central Ohio district. He was district secretary for 23 years. He and Helen have relocated to an assisted living facility in Reno, Nev., to be near their daughter Ruth Johnson '71. Helen was one of the first three graduates of the Business Department at Olivet.



Friends from the class of '47 came from Alaska, Colorado, Indiana, and California, to Temecula, Calif., for a mini-reunion. Attendees enjoyed seeing a musical, receiving professional massages, and reminiscing with old friends.

'50s

Carl '51 and Faye Vastbinder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, 2005.



Carl and Faye Vastbinder

They have served in seven Nazarene churches as ministers of music. In addition, Carl taught music at public schools in Ohio, and he retired in 1986 from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a management analyst with 35 years service including Army service in Bremen, Germany. They reside in DeBary, Fla.

Marilyn K. Bowers '58 and Jack C. Hansher '57 were united in marriage in July 2004 while on a cruise to Alaska. Both are retired from professional jobs in public education. Currently, they are building a new home in Circleville, Ohio.

'60s

Dr. Sharell L. Mikesell '65 was recently honored with the University of Akron's Outstanding Alumni Award. He received a Ph.D in polymer science from the university in 1971. Dr. Mikesell was named the first executive director of the newly formed Ohio Polymer Strategy Council in March 2001. Prior to this appointment, he has been a successful senior executive with 30 years corporate leadership experience in global research and development, as well as business operations. In 1992, Dr. Mikesell was recognized by Olivet with the distinguished "O" Award.

Larry W. Burggraf '68 was promoted on Oct. 2 to professor of chemical physics and engineering physics for the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) near Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Burggraf began at AFIT with an appointment as associate professor in 1993 and was awarded tenure in 1997. He previously taught in the Department of Chemistry for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

'80s

David '80 and D'Anne Means hosted ONU's volleyball team at their home in Omaha, Neb., after the women played three nationally-ranked teams on the road during Homecoming weekend. Coach Brenda Williams says, "It really showed our players how much ONU had meant to this family and how they love to stay a part of it. What great memories they gave a group of special young women!"

Bob and Candace (Leitner) Walker '89 have accepted a call to Zambia, Africa, as missionaries for Heart of the Bride, a ministry to the world's orphans. They will be leaving with their eight children in September 2006. Their job will be to rescue orphaned street boys and provide a boys ranch for teaching and training 8-15 year-olds for the Lord.

'90s

Chelise (Kinzinger) '91 and Jerry Slowik '95: A boy, Gerald Joseph Slowik III, Sept. 9, 2005. He joins brothers Erik Isaiah, 3, and Haze, 2. Chelise is an associate professor and Jerry is an instructor in the Department of Art and Digital Media at Olivet. They reside in Bourbonnais.

Jill (Seider) '91 and Matt Wing '93: A boy, Matthew Henry, Jan. 17, 2005. He joins sister, Mary Elizabeth, 4. Matt is a substitute teacher, and Jill is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Dave '92 and Jolyne (Strait) Bartley '94: A girl, Aubrayanna Saran, Feb. 11, 2005. Dave is the pastor of South Bend First Church of the Nazarene, and Jolyne works parttime from home for New Church Specialties. They reside in South Bend, Ind.

Pam (Litten) '92 and John Copeland: A girl, Melanie Noelle, adopted January 2005, just before her second birthday. Melanie became a part of the Copeland family when she was three days old through a foster care program. She joins her brother, Matthew, 4. Pam is a stay-at-home mom and a part-time social worker at Adult and Child Mental Health Center and Children's Bureau, and John is operations manager at Indy Office Solutions. They reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

Susan (Gary) '92 and Bill Ortell: A boy, Evan William, June 5, 2005. He joins sister, Abbie, 3. Susan is a stay-at-home mom, and Bill is self-employed, working from home. They reside in Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Jayne (Juneman) '92 and Robert Slager:

A boy, William Robert, Dec. 2, 2004. He joins sisters Cheyenne, 6, and Hannah, 3. Jayne is a stay-at-home mom, and Robert is a CPA. They reside in Lockport, Ill.



Cheyenne, William and Hannah Slager

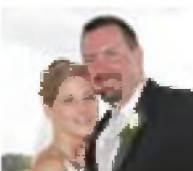
Susie (Cummings) '93 and Chris Antkoviak '94:

A boy, Joel Peter, June 2, 2005. He joins sister Hannah Margaret, 2. Susie is an advertising consultant for JQ99fm and owns a jingle company, Audio Impact Specialists. Chris is an attorney at Antkoviak & Antkoviak, PC. They reside in Allegan, Mich.



Joel Antkoviak

Dawn McKendrick '93 and Paul Kurek were married Sept. 19, 2005 in Orlando, Fla. Dawn is an assistant portfolio manager for Munder Capital Management, and Paul is a marine mechanic for Wonderland Marine West. They reside in Westland, Mich.



Dawn and Paul Kurek

Bradley '94 and Heather (Billington) '98 Foster: A girl, Cassandra Brianne, July 10, 2005. She joins sister, McKenna, 2. Heather is a stay-at-home mom and part-time sales associate at Agape Booksellers. Brad is a worship pastor at Grace Church in Jackson, Mich. They reside in Jackson.

Benjamin Anderson '95 earned a PsyD in clinical psychology in October 2005 from the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. He is employed as a psychotherapist at Associates in Family Care in Naperville, Ill. Ben and his wife, Emily '95, reside in Aurora, Ill., with their daughters Madeline, 9, and Peyton, 6.

Jay '95 and Shayne (Morrison) Phillips '97: A boy, Tyler Evan, July 30, 2005. Jay is a real estate consultant for RE/MAX, and Shayne is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Ballwin, Mo.



Tyler Phillips

Jack '95 and Autumn Ratliff: A girl, Isabella Grace, Feb. 15, 2005. Jack is a scientist and manager at MPI Research, and Autumn is a makeup artist for Trish McEvoy. They reside in Portage, Mich.

Kevin '95 and Andrea (Holmgren) Rector '97: A girl, Isabelle Louise, June 21, 2005. She joins a brother, Zeb, 18 months. Kevin was recently appointed pastor of the Wausau First Church of the Nazarene in Wausau, Wis. He was previously a computer programmer in Nashville, Tenn. Andrea is a stay-at-home mom.



Isabelle Rector

From the Director...

Dear Alumni and Friends,

One thing that's been on my mind since becoming director of alumni relations is the importance of our alumni staying connected with Olivet and each other.

Just a few days after assuming my responsibilities, positive reinforcement of that came when I received an e-mail message from our volleyball coach, Brenda Williams. With her permission, I share it with you:



By David Caudle '79
Director, Alumni Relations

During Homecoming this year, we were scheduled to play at Omaha, Nebraska. Prior to that, D'Anne and David Means '80 e-mailed me to see if they could host the team at their home in Iowa, just across the state line. David is an ONU alum and their son Chase goes here now (Class of 2008).

They met us at the College of Saint Mary and led us out to their home Friday night. We enjoyed chili, roasted hotdogs on a huge fire outside, had s'mores, and ate all the Halloween candy we could stomach. They also provided a hayride for the girls who got to meet their pet pig and pet the horses. It was just a great time for relaxing and being away from the stress of playing three nationally-ranked teams in one weekend. Their younger son and daughter were there also and they helped keep the girls busy.

The next day we upset the No. 6 team in the nation on their home court (St. Mary, Neb.) and then beat Saint Francis, Ind., in three games. The Means were in the stands, with more Halloween candy, cheering us on. We then were able to take them out to dinner with us to celebrate our victories and thank them for such a great weekend.

It was just an awesome weekend for us, and it was due to our ONU alumni taking time to e-mail us and let us know how much ONU means to them. We now have a wonderful bond with some great alumni. I also think it really showed our players how much ONU had meant to this family and how they love to stay a part of it.

Staying connected with Olivet and each other requires intentionality. Staying connected with Olivet and each other is a very good thing.

Connecting,

David Caudle '79
Director of Alumni Relations

Brenda (Eckdahl) Torres '95 recently received her professional counselor license from the state of Idaho and opened a private therapy practice. Her husband, Miles, is a technical writer with Yahoo! as well as a professional photographer. They reside in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Reese and Rebecca Brewer

Rebecca (Hess) '96 and Rich Brewer: A girl, Charise "Reese" Hope Brewer, Aug. 31, 2005. Rebecca owns a little girls' dress-up tea party business, and Rich owns his own painting and restoration business. They reside in Algonquin, Ill.

Heidi (Heflin) '97 and Mark Taylor '96: A girl, Emma Catherine, July 14, 2005. Heidi is a stay-at-home mom, and Mark is a fourth-grade teacher at Bonfield (Ill.) Grade School. They reside in Bradley, Ill.



Emma Taylor

Dana (Wright) '96 and Kevin Coventry: A girl, Madison Hope, Aug. 20, 2005. She joins a sister, Keirsten, 4. Dana is a stay-at-home mom, and Kevin is an assistant vice president of loan administration with ABN Amro. They reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

Shelley (Cristofferson) '96 and Rich Doering '97: A boy, Bryson Nicholas, April 29, 2004. He joins brothers Jackson, 4, and Colman, 2. Shelley is a stay-at-home mom, and Rich is a senior pastor of Hope Church of the Nazarene. They reside in Ankeny, Iowa.



Anna Amburgey

Shelley (Coen) '97 and Steven Amburgey: A girl, Anna Kaye, Sept. 16, 2005. She joins a brother, Troy, 2. Shelly is a stay-at-home mom, and Steven is a dentist. They reside in Abingdon, Va.

Nathan '97 and Christa (Pilat) Harris '98: A girl, Morgan Christian, May 11, 2005. Christa is a part-time human resources specialist for Thomson Gale Publishing Company, and Nathan is an optometrist for Henry Ford OptimEyes. They reside in Farmington Hills, Mich.



Morgan Harris

Kenneth '98 and Amanda (Koehn) Dillman '01: A girl, Jenna Michelle, March 24, 2005. Amanda is the director of the Oxford Public Library, and Ken is a senior research specialist for SSCI, Inc. They reside in Oxford, Ind.

continued to next page ►



Madelynne Earhart

Valerie (Bates) '98 and Lonny Earhart:

A girl, Madelynne Joy, Dec. 27, 2004. Valerie recently graduated from the University of Maryland Baltimore County with a master's degree in education.

She is currently a teacher in Severna Park, Md., and serves as a staff member at New Hope Community Church. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Jason '98 and Stefani Ferenczi: A girl, Sophia Kathryn, Oct. 7, 2005. She joins a sister, Leah, 1. Jason is the director of program for Overseas Council International, a non-profit organization working with universities worldwide. They reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

Shawn '99 and Jessica (Graper) Hilborn '01:

A boy, Ethan Jay, April 7, 2005. Jessica is a labor and delivery nurse at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill., and Shawn is a project manager for Neumann Homes in North Aurora, Ill. They reside in Romeoville, Ill.



Ethan Hilborn

Randy Kinder '99 recently accepted a position as worship arts pastor at Old Hickory Church of the Nazarene near Nashville, Tenn. He was previously the associate pastor for worship and evangelism at Chicago Heights (Ill.) Church of the Nazarene.



Kierra Ruff

Mike '99 and Shondra (Fariss) '99 Ruff: A girl, Kierra Michelle, Aug. 17, 2005. She joins a sister, Mikaylee, 3. Shondra is a stay-at-home mom. Mike is a principal of an elementary school in Ottawa, Ill. They reside in Ottawa.

'00s**Melanie (Hawbaker) '00 and Adam Fulkerson:**

A girl, Kate Olivia, March 13, 2005. She joins a sister, Kara, 2. They reside in Pontiac, Ill.



Kara and Kate Fulkerson

Steve Keegan '00 and Jennifer Vala were married on Oct. 1, 2005 in Hinsdale, Ill. Steve works as a physical therapist at Elmhurst Orthopedics, and Jennifer is also a physical therapist at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey, Ill. They reside in Willowbrook, Ill.

Matt Schweitzer '00 was recently named the all-time winningest pitcher in the Frontier League. He won his 27th ballgame, a league career record, with an 8-7 victory over the Washington Wild Things.

Jamy '00 and Susan (Weston) VanSyckle '01:

A girl, Isabelle Kate, Sept. 18, 2005. Jamy is an adoption worker for Bethany Christian Services, and Susan is a social worker for pregnant and parenting teens at the Salvation Army. They reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.



Isabelle VanSyckle

Jodi Fischer '00 and Paul Yau were married on June 11, 2005 in Chicago, Ill. Jodi is a high school Spanish teacher, and Paul is in his surgery residency at UCSF. They reside in San Francisco, Calif.

Jason McCloskey '01 and Jennifer Hogan were married on Aug. 20, 2005 in Fort Wayne, Ind. Jason works for Midwest Veterinary Supply, and Jennifer works for Michael's Arts and Crafts. They reside in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Tabitha Villarrubia '01 and Endré Adams

were married on July 31, 2004 in Indianapolis, Ind. Tabitha graduated from Indiana University School of Law, May 8, 2005. Endré works for Davidson Industries in Indianapolis, Ind.



Endré and Tabitha Adams

Brandi (Heleine) '01 and Nathan Schmidt '01: A girl, Madison Jo, Sept. 15, 2005. Nathan is doing his Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Iowa, and Brandi is a CPA for Bob Rehfuess, CPA PLC. They reside in Coralville, Iowa.

Kristin Hendrichs '02 and Michael Sculi were married Oct. 1, 2005 in Colona, Ill. Kristin is an attorney, and Michael is a financial analyst. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

Caryn (Wellman) '02 and Jordan Sparks: A boy, Garren Michael, Oct. 6, 2005. Caryn and Jordan both work at Salem Children's Home in Flanagan, Ill. Caryn is a case manager, and Jordan works as a residential counselor. They reside in Pontiac, Ill.



Emma-Leigh Kile

Stephanie (Williams) '03 and Adam Kile: A girl, Emma-Leigh Rose, Feb. 27, 2005. Stephanie is a staffing consultant, and Adam is a driver. They reside in Burton, Mich.

Todd Leslie '03 and Brittany Driffill '05 were married on July 2, 2005 in Auburn, Calif. Todd is the graduate assistant in the Office of University Relations at Olivet and is currently completing his MBA. Brittany is a sixth-grade language arts teacher at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center. They reside in Bourbonnais.

Stephanie (Quimby) '04 and Ben Kumor '04:

A boy, Caleb Hezekiah, Oct. 28, 2005. Stephanie is a substitute teacher for Brice Christian Academy. Ben is in his second year of medical school at Ohio State University. They reside in Canal Winchester, Ohio.



Caleb Kumor



Michael Meier

Michael Meier '04 was named both marketing coordinator and program assistant for Texas Wesleyan University Table Tennis in Fort Worth, Texas. The Rams are the two-time National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA).

Christine Mazzella '05 and Phillip Howell '07

were married on June 4, 2005 in Huntingtown, Md. Christine is the secretary in the Office of Alumni Relations at Olivet, and Phillip is completing his degree in physical education. They reside in Bourbonnais.



Christine and Phillip Howell

Jenna McGraw '05 and Aaron Stapleton '05 were married on July 15, 2005 in Olathe, Kan. Aaron works for Ernst & Young, LLP, and Jenna works for Dallas Methodist Hospital. They reside in Dallas, Texas.

Military Notes

'80s

Matthew Ulmen '89 is currently stationed at the Logistics Support Area near Balad, Iraq, as captain in the U.S. Army. He is serving as a liaison officer with the 35th Area Support Group, a unit of the Missouri Army National Guard. Prior to entering active duty, Ulmen served as senior pastor of Sparta (Wis.) Church of the Nazarene after graduating from Nazarene Theological Seminary in May 2004.

In Memoriam

'30s

George Kendall '39 passed away July 28, 2005.

'40s

Dorothy Mae (Wilson) Layman '44, age 82, of LaPorte, Ind., died Nov. 5, 2005, at LaPorte Hospital, after years of battling rheumatoid arthritis, and over the last several months, cancer. Dorothy, a former high school teacher, enjoyed sewing clothes for her family members and many others over the years. She was an avid reader, enjoyed writing, and served for many years as her church's librarian and pianist. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, and is survived by two sisters, one daughter, one son, three grandchildren, and a niece.

Mary Anna (Snuggs) Sprunger '44 passed away on Oct. 23, 2005. She was born July 20, 1922, in Warren County, Iowa. She married Virgil L. '44 on June 10, 1944, in Berne, Ind. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Linda Jeanne Tilghman; one brother; and three great-grandchildren.

'50s

Fred Asbury '50 passed away Feb. 24, 2005.

Modie Schoonover '50 passed away Dec. 22, 2004, at Bixby Medical Hospital, Adrian, Mich. While at Olivet he majored in biological sciences, was an honored student, played baseball, and received an "O" Club Award. He worked full-time for A.O. Smith. He pastored in the Kansas City area, and then went into evangelism. He is survived by his wife, Ruth.

'60s

Nancy (Lang) Chamberlain '64 passed away on Nov. 17, 2004, in Covenant Medical Center Lakeside, Lubbock, Texas. She was a member of the Denver City Church of the Nazarene, where she was a Sunday school teacher, missionary president, and board member. She was a nurse for forty years before retiring in 2002. She is survived by her husband, Dennis; children, Krysia and Brent; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dave and Lea Lang, Edward and Kathy Heck; sisters and brothers-in-law, Virginia and Jerry Thomas, and Sandra and Amby Canty.

Dr. M. Harold Daniels '64 of Boise passed away peacefully at the Paramount Care Center on Aug. 27, 2005. Harold was born on a homestead in Artesia, N.M., to Marion Burke and Effie Daniels on Jan. 1, 1918. Soon after his birth, the family moved to a cattle ranch at Cherry County in northwest Nebraska. Harold and his younger brother Bert attended Bresee College in Hutchison, Kan., and during that time received calls to preach. At about the same time, he met Edith Johnson at a summer-camp meeting. They were married in Lincoln, Neb., on Dec. 31, 1936, where Harold had been called to pastor his first church, Lincoln Northside Church of the Nazarene. That began a life of ministry together that spanned over six decades. Harold pastored churches in Nebraska, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Kentucky, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma. He also was district superintendent in Illinois and Colorado. He was awarded the doctor of divinity degree from Olivet in 1963. He served on the general board for the International Church of the Nazarene and board of trustees for four of the Nazarene colleges and universities, Pasadena College (now Point Loma), Olivet, Southern Nazarene University, and Northwest Nazarene University. In addition to his church work, Harold was an avid golfer. He and Edith were members of Columbine Country Club in Columbine, Colo., for over 30 years where he was known as "Doc." He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ruth, who died at age two-and-a-half; wife, Edith, who was more than a wife and mother but a true companion and partner in ministry. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Bert and Lola Daniels of Oklahoma City, Okla.; stepmother, Mabel Daniels of Nampa, Idaho; daughter and son-in-law, Thirl and Floyd Johnson; son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Tharon and Barbara Daniels of Edmond, Okla; four grandchildren, Christal Ann Stump and husband Ron of Flagstaff, Ariz.; Bradley White and wife Shawn of Denver, Colo.; Dr. T. Scott Daniels and wife Debbie of Sachse, Texas; and Christa Woodward and husband Mark of Seattle, Wash.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Marvin Shipman '64 passed away Dec. 13, 2005 at his home from bone cancer. He also attended Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and did lay missionary work in the Caribbean. He is survived by wife Virginia, one son and daughter-in-law, two daughters and one son-in law, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild, five sisters and three brothers-in-law, and four brothers and sisters-in-law.

STAY CONNECTED

For the latest ONU news stories and downloadable audio broadcasts, go to www.olivet.edu and click on "News & Events."

'70s

Harry T. Stanley '78 passed away Sept. 24, 2005. He was born June 6, 1910, in Anderson, Ind., to Thomas and Maude (Bristol) Stanley, and was a member of First Nazarene Church of Kalamazoo. He attended public schools in Allegan, Mich., and graduated from Allegan High School in 1928. While in high school, he lettered in four sports (baseball, football, basketball and track). On Aug. 9, 1933, he was united in marriage to Vera Schuler, and they celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary in 2005. Dr. Stanley worked for the A & P Tea Company and managed stores in Michigan. He managed the meat department at the Liberty Market in Kalamazoo. He also worked for the Keener Meat Packing Company in Fort Wayne. In 1943 he entered the ministry, receiving his schooling at Great Lakes School of Theology, Wayne University and finished the minister's course in three years. He was ordained by Dr. Powers at Indian Lake in 1946 and he remained a Nazarene minister for 62 years. He received an honorary doctorate degree from Olivet. Dr. Stanley served as the district treasurer for 25 years, trustee to Olivet for 30 years, district superintendent of Michigan's 113 churches for seven years, and directed the Boy's and Girl's Camp for 10 years. He served pastorates in Three Rivers (started the church there), Pontiac, Saginaw, Jackson, Lansing, Sturgis and Bay City. The district loved him. He was a concerned friend and Christian brother. He retired from active ministry in 1980 and continued to serve the Lord by ministering to his neighboring patients, friends and his loving caregivers. He and Vera enjoyed their time together at Friendship Village Health Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Polly Berggren and Mary Dailey. Survivors include his wife, Vera; nieces and nephews and children of nieces and nephews from Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin, Alaska, and California; and many friends locally and from across the country.



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR from you!

Send us your news and pictures. Please submit alumni news, less than one year old, in the format printed in this section. Be sure to include all information, including class year. Due to space constraints, not all pictures will be used. Pictures will be accepted only via e-mail to TheOlivetian@olivet.edu. News should be sent via e-mail or through the mail to *The Olivetian*, Olivet Nazarene University, One University Avenue, Bourbonnais, IL 60914-2345.



Drew Bufford '06 (second from left), a member of Olivet's football team, along with three Northwestern College (Minn.) football players helped raise critical funds for the Salvation Army at Northfield Square Mall in Bradley, Ill.

Beyond the wins and losses

By Caleb Benoit '06

The Olivet Nazarene University football team closed its season with a convincing 29-13 home victory over Northwestern College (Minn.) in the annual NCCAA Victory Bowl.

But before the teams hit the gridiron, the schools combined their skills and abilities and played on the same team.

Only, they didn't win. The community won.

In an effort coordinated by Kankakee Mayor Donald Green and the Kankakee Salvation Army, Olivet and Northwestern football players spent their afternoons serving the underprivileged in the community, proving there is more to football than just wins and losses.

"It was really an eye-opening experience for the kids," head coach Gary Newsome said. "We served those who aren't as fortunate as we are and helped provide them with things we sometimes take for granted. When you're unpacking garbage bags full of clothes, it's humbling."

Wearing their purple and gold uniforms, players served as opening-day bell ringers for kettles at Northfield Square Mall in Bradley. Others worked at the food pantry, organizing supplies and packing and unpacking boxes of food. Still, more served at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, sorting through clothing donations before they were displayed for sale.

"The Salvation Army was overjoyed," Newsome said. "We actually had too many people. They couldn't keep us busy."

Each season, the teams affiliated with the Victory Bowl and the National Christian College Athletic Association participate in a Christian service project in the community. Previous teams have visited children in local hospitals and initiated canned food drives for families in need.

Last year, Olivet and Northwestern players collected more than 350 food items for parents who were struggling after a car struck their 10-year-old boy in front of his home the previous week.

"It always feels good knowing you're helping people, especially around the holidays," senior wide receiver Dwight Moser said. "It's a great way for our team to reach out and show we do care about the community."

Nationally, the Salvation Army raised \$357 million in donations last year. The Kankakee centers of operation are among the 2,349 Salvation Army facilities located in the Central Territory.

"It's important to give back to the community, to donate and volunteer time," Newsome said. "It's all about doing something for the underprivileged and that feeling you get afterwards knowing you've accomplished something."

Joshua Sabinas '09 helps a local child put the finishing touches on this Christmas tree.



Sports Shorts

Men's Soccer: After struggling to a 3-6-1 start, the Tiger men's soccer team closed the season by going 6-9-2 and advancing to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Semifinals for the second time in school history. Two of the three losses in their final seven games came against nationally-ranked opponents. Three of their nine losses were by one goal. The Tigers were led by **Austin Hoxie '07**, who scored a team-leading seven goals and dished out four assists. **Juan Bay '06** scored four goals and dished out a team-high five assists, while **Jay Hawkins '08** recorded five goals and two assist. Keeper **David Blahnik '06** has been in the net for the majority of the season, recording a 2.33 goals against average and recording 66 saves.

Women's Soccer: With six ranked opponents on their schedule, along with two NCAA Division II opponents, the Tiger women's soccer team was held in check for much of the season. They did explode for games with five, six and seven goals and lost eight games by two goals or less. The Tigers finished 4-14-1 and advanced to the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Quarterfinals. Upperclassmen carried the Tigers, as **Ashlee Roland '06** scored a team-leading five goals and dished three assists, while **Joy Sarata '06** scored two goals and dished five assists from her forward position. **Sarah Grogan '06** and **Rachel Page '09** had three goals a piece. **Alysha Wheeler '08** has recorded a 2.05 goals against average, while **Brittney Savard '09** has a 2.12 goals against average, splitting time between the pipes.

Volleyball: After a loss to Cedarville University (Ohio) dropped the Tigers to 9-9, the team went 22-5 during their final 27 matches. Included was a 3-2 victory over College of St. Mary (Neb.), who at the time was the sixth-ranked team in the nation. The Tigers won 10 of their final 11 matches, including nine straight 3-0 victories. They also marched through the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, going 9-0 and winning their fifth conference championship in six years. A 3-2 setback in the NAIA Region VII Tournament Championship ended the Tigers' season. Leading the way for the Tigers was **Michelle McFadden '09** who had recorded a team-leading 522 kills and was third with 158 blocks. **Emily Lindquist '06** had 472 kills and a team-leading 269 blocks. **Megan Gullickson '07** dished out a team-leading 1,745 assists and was second with 75 aces. **Andrea Dykstra '07** had a team-high 77 aces, while **Cyndi Rucker '08** had a team-high 1,071 digs.



Football: Despite ending the regular season with a 5-6 record, the Tigers qualified for the NCCAA Victory Bowl for the third time in school history and second straight year. Again facing Northwestern College (Minn.), the Tigers dominated the game, winning 29-13 and finishing with a 6-6 record, their third straight .500 or better season. Seven of the Tiger football team's 12 opponents were ranked in the NAIA Top 25 at some point during the season. Three of those games resulted in victories, as the Tigers were 4-3 through their first seven games. Highlighted among those victories, was a 34-28 decision over fifth-ranked Saint Xavier University (Ill.). Quarterback **Joe Boseo '06** is the leader of the offense, completing 222 of his 427 attempts, for 2,538 yards and 12 touchdowns. Boseo concluded his career second in career passing and career total offense categories. Boseo's favorite target was wide receiver **Joey Brewer '06** who had 63 receptions for 700 yards. Brewer finished second in career receiving yards. Running back **Billy Lawrence '07** began the season by scoring four touchdowns against Anderson University (Ind.) for the second year in a row, tying a school record. Lawrence rushed for 976 yards on 238 attempts and scored 13 touchdowns. Safety **Chris Bjorkland '07** had recorded a team-leading 120 tackles.

Men's Cross Country: Despite finishing second at the NAIA Region VII Meet, the Tiger men's cross country team did have one participant at the NAIA National Meet. **Kacey Carr '07** finished 53rd in his first NAIA National Meet. He ran in a time of 16:49.60.

Women's Cross Country: The Tiger women's cross country team was ranked second for the entire season. However, the Tiger thinclads were unable to pick up that place at the NAIA National Meet, finishing seventh. It still was Olivet Nazarene's highest ever finish at the NAIA National Meet. Leading the way were NAIA All-Americans **Bethany McCoy '09** and **Carmin Green '07**. McCoy finished ninth with a time of 10:21.85, while Green placed 16th with a time of 10:33.45. The Tigers did win their first-ever NCCAA National Championship.

—Compiled by Marc Shaner '00/'02 M.A.T.,
Sports Information Director

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAWN WALDRON



LIVAS



LAVENDER



STANLICK



JAEGER

Underclassmen come up big

By Caleb Benoit '06

Neither the Olivet Nazarene University men's or women's basketball team sports a glamorous record.

And at times, play hasn't been exactly pretty.

But if there is a reason for the two teams to be encouraged early in the season: the play of several underclassmen, who are helping each finish strong.

For the men, 6-foot-5 freshman forward Nick Livas (Cary, Ill.) is averaging nearly a double-double since being thrust into the starting lineup, recording 13 points and nine rebounds per game.

In fact, Livas was part of the group of Olivet newcomers who brought the Tigers back from a 13-point deficit against Cornerstone University (Mich.) at the Holiday Inn Express Tiger Classic at McHie Arena.

Livas finished with 10 points and seven rebounds. He helped the Tigers take their first lead of the game with 60 seconds remaining before an eventual three-point Olivet victory.

Livas, along with junior Stan Chismark (Normal, Ill.), was named to the all-tournament team.

In the team's previous game against Ohio State-Mansfield, he tallied 18 points and 10 boards in just 24 minutes.

"He's performed against all levels of competition, and we're pretty excited about that," head coach Ralph Hodge said of the forward, who owns single-season scoring and rebounding records at Prairie Ridge High School.

"His production has been big for us."

Also seeing significant minutes has been sophomore transfer Micah Lavender (Peoria, Ill.).

Lavender, formerly of Illinois Central College, has shown a knack for making the

big play, illustrated in the closing seconds of the Tigers' win over Cornerstone.

With the game tied at 67, Lavender took a pass from Travis Meeks (Batavia, Ill.) and buried the deciding shot, a 3-pointer giving Olivet its third win in a row.

Against unbeaten Illinois Wesleyan University, No. 1 in NCAA Division III, he finished 7-for-8 from the field with a team-high 16 points.

Like Livas, Lavender was a high school star who is used to playing well against premium competition.

An Illinois Basketball Coaches Association First-Team All-State member, the talented guard led Peoria Christian High School to a fourth-place finish in the 2004 Class A state tournament.

On the women's side though, two players have been just as instrumental.

Freshman Jade Stanlick (Edwardsville, Ill.) and sophomore Codi Jaeger (Cincinnati, Ohio) split time at point guard for the Tigers, who are now in their second year of the systematic run-and-gun offense.

"I think they've gone unnoticed somewhat," head coach Doug Porter said. "Sometimes they've played like freshmen and sophomores, and sometimes they've played beyond their years. We're pleased with their progress."

Stanlick leads the team in assists and has buried 42 percent of her 3-point attempts, which is especially significant for a team that relies so much on 3-point shooting.

Jaeger, meanwhile, is second on the team in assists, as well as minutes.

And like the men, the tandem has been at its best against premium competition. Versus undefeated NAIA No. 6 Trevecca Nazarene University (Tenn.), the pair combined for 20 assists in leading the offense.

"Codi and Jade taking care of the ball and leading is a key for us," Porter said.



Micah Lavender '08



Codi Jaeger '08

Much of that leadership is already paying dividends.

After the team spent most of the first semester last season growing accustomed to the new system, the learning curve has been significantly shorter this year.

If the progress continues, the Tigers may be in store for a second half similar to a year ago.

"We're starting to click and play together," Porter said. "It took us until the last two games of the fall semester last year to say that. It was about Thanksgiving time this year."

"I think we're probably a little bit ahead of last year, even though it may not seem like it all the time."

TIGER TRACKS

FOOTBALL | SOCCER | VOLLEYBALL

Ruzich and Lochner repeat as MSFA First Team All-Midwest:

Offensive tackle **Chad Ruzich '06** and defensive back **Joey Lochner '06** were named Mid-States Football Association First Team All-Midwest League for the second straight year. Ruzich and Lochner were the only Tiger players to be named to the first team squads. Both were NAIA Honorable Mention All-Americans last season. Ruzich anchored the line, starting all 12 games, while Lochner finished third on the team with 70 tackles and led the team with six interceptions. **Joey Brewer '06**, **Nathan McNeese '06**, **Eric Peterson '06** and **Billy Lawrence '07** were MSFA Second Team All-Midwest League selections.

Bay, Hoxie land on all-conference squads:

The Tiger men soccer team placed two players on the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Second Team All-Conference squads. **Juan Bay '06** was named to his third all-conference squad. He scored four goals and dished out a team-leading five assists. Two of Bay's four goals were game-winners. **Austin Hoxie '07** was an all-conference defender, after spending most of the season as a forward. Hoxie scored a team-leading seven goals and finished second on the team with four assists.

Tiger women's soccer team places two on all-conference squad:

Sarah Grogan '06 and **Lindsay Atkins '07** were Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Second Team All-Conference selections for the women. Grogan tied for the second most goals on the team with three, while her two game-winning goals were a team-high. Atkins missed games due to a stress fracture, but managed two goals and one assist.



Emily Lindquist '06

Lindquist named CCAC Player of the Year; McFadden named CCAC Freshmen of the Year:

For the first time in school history, six Olivet Nazarene University volleyball players were selected as Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic All-Conference. Three were named CCAC First Team, while three were named CCAC Second Team. **Emily Lindquist '06** was not only named first team all-conference for the fourth year, but was also named CCAC Player of the Year. **Megan Guiliickson '07** was named to her second all-conference squad, while **Michelle McFadden '09** was named to her first CCAC First Team squad. McFadden was also tabbed as the CCAC Freshman of the Year. **Chelsie Rountree '06**, **Amber McKean '08** and **Cyndi Rucker '08** were selected as CCAC Second Team All-Conference members.

Lindquist named NAIA Second Team All-American:

For the third year in a row, Olivet Nazarene University volleyball player **Emily Lindquist '06** has been named an NAIA All-American. Lindquist was an NAIA Second Team All-American, after being named an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American the previous two years. **Megan Guiliickson '07** and **Michelle McFadden '09** were named NAIA Honorable Mention All-Americans for the first time. She is Olivet's second three-time NAIA All-American (Julie Leman, 2001-2003). She also became Olivet's second NAIA Second Team All-American, joining Ivana (Fabryova) Dockemeyer '04 who received the honor in 2003. Lindquist is Olivet Nazarene's career leader in blocks with 878 and ranks second in kills with 1,758. Gullickson joins Kylie Redman (1999) and Julie Leman (2001-2003) as Olivet Nazarene setters to be named NAIA Honorable Mention All-Americans. McFadden is only the second freshman from Olivet Nazarene to be named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, joining Michelle Miramonti '09 who was named last season.

10 QUESTIONS

With Andrew Twibell '06

ASSOCIATED STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 How did you find your way to Olivet?

I'm one of those Nazarene boys. You know the kind — the one who has been Nazarene since birth and whose mom closes down the church Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. My parents, Barry '74 and Renee (Samples) Twibell '75, both attended Olivet, and my twin brothers, Cory '98 and Craig '98 are also graduates, along with aunts, uncles, and cousins. I guess you could say it's been a Twibell family tradition for some time now. However, I never felt pressured to attend Olivet. My parents were very open to the consideration of other schools and were supportive of my decisions. But having been a part of the "Olivet family" for some time had allowed me to see all of the wonderful aspects of this University. I was able to see the campus atmosphere, the dedication to education, the focus on spirituality, and the dramatic impact of the Olivet experience in the lives of my family members. Meetings with professors in my area of study further confirmed that Olivet would appropriately prepare me for the future. In the end, the decision was simple.

2 You are pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Medicine/Biology — what do you plan to do once you graduate?

I am presently also enrolled in the graduate program pursuing a master's degree in religion. Upon completion of my undergraduate work, I'll spend one more year completing my graduate degree before attending medical school. I have been accepted into medical school at the Indiana University School of Medicine and have interviewed at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and Duke Medical School. The ultimate goal for me is to complete medical school and serve as a physician either at home or internationally in service to the Kingdom. I have to admit that I'm not confident of where the Lord will use my master's degree in religion, but I do know that He will integrate each of the passions He has instilled in me to complete His work.

3 You presently serve as student body president. Have you always been a natural leader, or is this something you've strived to attain?

I have never really viewed myself as a natural leader. I have always enjoyed taking part in student government in high school and in college, but I've never considered myself highly gifted in this area. I do believe that the Lord has given me a passion and a desire for administration, and I enjoy taking leadership when the opportunity presents itself. God has been more than gracious to me and has blessed me in ways that I do not deserve.

4 This year has held some personal and emotional challenges for you, too. Anything you'd like to share?

This year has been very difficult for me personally. My brother Chris passed away in early November. Chris had Down's Syndrome and had been ill for many years, but it is never easy to say your final goodbye when the time comes. I would be hard-pressed to find anyone else who had a greater influence on my life than him. In an unexplainable way, Chris was the one who could always understand me, and his life continues to be a great inspiration to me. In the eyes of the world, he didn't have many talents and abilities, but he had the ability to endear himself to anyone with whom he came into contact, and his relational gift was greater than any I have ever seen. To see the impact that such a "disadvantaged" life can have forces me to remember that,

"To whom much is given, much is required." Chris did so much with so little. He will be sorely missed, but if I continue to live my life with the lessons he has taught me at the forefront of my mind, his legacy will live on in me. There is no greater tribute I could offer to him.

5 Last month you shared the platform with Congressman Jerry Weller at an ONU press conference. Pretty cool — tell us about it.

Jerry Weller was able to secure for Olivet an equipment grant of \$300,000 for the Reed Hall of Science. At the press conference, I was able to publicly express my appreciation to Congressman Weller for his hard work in this effort. As the student body president and as a pre-med major, I appreciate the impact this grant will have on future students. Congressman Weller was very personable and took a genuine interest in my future plans and encouraged me in my life direction.

6 Leading can be an eye-opening experience. What have you learned from your fellow students?

Never does a day go by in which I am not forced to learn some new life lesson. I am most inspired by my fellow student leaders' passion and dedication to the purpose that they serve at Olivet. Each feels a sense of identity in his position and realizes that the effort put forth will be directly proportional to the results achieved. Those leaders who have committed themselves first to the things of the Lord, and then to whatever work He has for them to do are the ones who are able to fulfill His purpose. So often the goal seems nearly unattainable, yet through dedication to devotion and prayer, we have seen some magnificent results.

7 What's one thing nobody (or nearly nobody) knows about you?

Very few people realize how big of a nerd I was while growing up. In fact, while I was in junior high, I took part in a Spelling Bee competition. I was able to make it to the National Spelling Bee where I competed with 250 individuals from around the world. I did fairly well (placed 17th), and I even had my first and only appearance on ESPN's SportsCenter for the event. The entire experience really opened my eyes to many different perspectives, and I believe that the opportunity to compete in this event taught me a lot about my ability to measure up to my peers.

8 From your perspective, what is the "Olivet Difference?"

My friends and family members who have not experienced life at Olivet simply cannot understand my passion for it. They see a Midwestern college that looks similar to many other institutions in the area. What they cannot see is the inner-workings of this great University. The tone of any corporation or university is set by the administrative leaders of that institution, and Olivet has the unique privilege of having administrative leaders who have dedicated their lives to the Lord and His work in this place. Students are very perceptive, and we are constantly analyzing the lives led by our leaders. When we see lives that are in tune with the words that are being spoken, we are encouraged to behave likewise.

Four years ago when I stepped foot on this campus I realized that the Lord had provided me with a unique opportunity to find my spiritual footing during my stay here. I could never imagine a better place to establish a firm spiritual foundation than on the preaching and teaching of administrators and professors who are committed to the work of the Lord. While I realize that I cannot live my entire life in such a haven of spiritual development, I am so grateful to the Lord for impressing upon me the importance of attending Olivet.

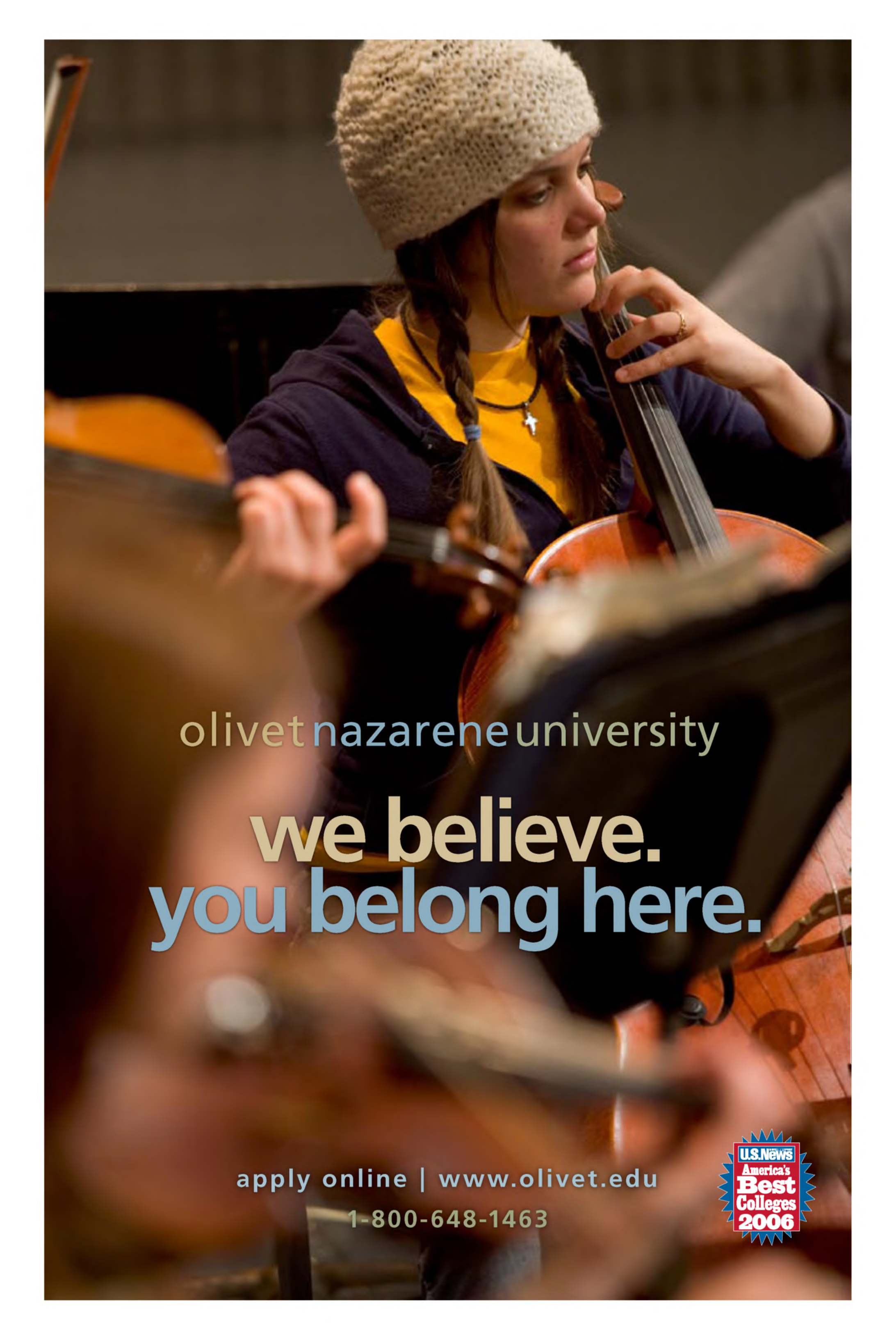
The person I was when I came as a freshman and the person I will be when I receive my diploma are drastically different — for God has used this University to mold and stretch me in ways I never thought imaginable.

9 What single aspect of campus life will you miss the most?

The "feel" of campus life at Olivet. No matter where I go while at Olivet, I know that I will be surrounded with individuals of a like-faith and a like-mind who are positive and encouraging. I was reminded of this aspect when my brother passed away. The amount of support I received from my fellow students, professors and administration was unbelievable. The Lord has connected me with individuals in whom I can put my trust and counselors from whom I can learn many lessons. I realize that, as my student time at Olivet draws to a close, I must take advantage of every opportunity to grow in this environment.

10 Any "a-ha" spiritual moments over these past years?

Upon arriving at Olivet, I struggled for some time with my life purpose and direction. I had entered into the Biology/Pre-Medicine program because I knew that I had gifts and passions in this area of study, but I was completely unsure of where the Lord would use this in my future. I believe it was during the fall semester of my sophomore year when Chaplain Benson introduced the theme, "Do You Know the Plan?" I was pretty confident that I did not know the plan, but I was hoping that the chaplain would be able to tell me before all was said and done. Toward the end of the semester, we had a special service in which the chaplain invited students to the altar to receive a rock. He asked us to write on the rock what we foresaw as our future vocation. He didn't ask us to write where we would work or how we would win lives for the Kingdom, he simply instructed us to write one word on a rock signifying to ourselves what direction we felt the Lord has placed on our life. It was at that moment, while I was writing the word "medicine" on that rock, that I realized the difficulty I had been putting myself through. The Lord did not need me to understand where I would be used or in what capacity, He simply needed me to be submissive to His direction in my life. I was able to set aside all of the worries and anxieties that had seemed so natural before and truly submit my gifts to the Lord for His service. Since that moment, I have seen the hand of the Lord clearly guiding me as I make life decisions, and I know that He is constantly molding me into what He needs me to be.



olivetnazareneuniversity

we believe.
you belong here.

apply online | www.olivet.edu
1-800-648-1463

